

Whatcom County Fire District 4

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

May 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on the above date at the district office. Those who attended were as follows: Commissioners Mary Beth Neal, Harry Andrews and Anna Melillo; Board Secretary Kris Parks, Interim Fire Chief Joe Noonchester, Division Chief Jason Van der Veen, Division Chief Herschel Rostov and Division Chief Henry Hollander.

The Chair opened the board meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Interim Chief Noonchester introduced Division Chief Rostov to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2019 Combined Meeting

2. Staff Reports - Chiefs / Operations / Training / Technical Support

3. Financial Reports

4. Vouchers

District #4 Commissioners Direct Deposit Payroll \$896.00

District #4 Expenditure Voucher: \$467.50

The following item on the consent agenda received clarification:

- Chiefs Report: D.C. Van der Veen confirmed that the numbers under Apparatus Resource Arrived To Cleared on the auto aid report show minutes on the incidents.

The April 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes were removed from the agenda and will be put on the June agenda after a correction.

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Melillo seconded; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Department Master Plan: The department received 2 requests for qualification. 2 out of 3 companies responded. The department has an in house committee which will make a decision on 5/16/19. Chief Noonchester will provide the Board with an update at the next board meeting.

Tree Service: D.C. Hollander will follow up on the service date with the tree service company.

Paint for Station 12: D.C. Hollander informed that no action has been taken so far but \$35,000 is budgeted for painting.

Light System: D.C. Hollander gave an update on the light system at station12 Bldg. D and the apparatus bay.

NEW BUSINESS

First Amendment to the interlocal agreement for fire and emergency medical services between Whatcom County Fire District 4 and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue:

The Board did not agree with the language in the interlocal agreement regarding the 25% payment. Chief Noonchester will bring the interlocal agreement before the NWFR Board at the board meeting on 5/16/19. More discussion is needed. This agenda items has been moved to the June agenda.

EMS Levy Rates:

Chief Noonchester explained the EMS levy payments from the County to the Board. The department is waiting for a response from the County Executive's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Mary Beth Neal recessed the meeting for 10 minutes for an Executive Session, Per RCW 42.30.110(g) *"to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee."* at 12:52 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Chair Mary Beth Neal called the regular meeting back into open session at 1:00 p.m.

Chief Noonchester handed out information on the fire commissioner candidate.

Next Board Meeting: June 12th at 12 p.m.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Mary Beth Neal, Chair

Kris Parks, Board Secretary

Motions and Directives:

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Melillo seconded; motion passed.